

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1435
ANSWERED ON:11.03.2005
PRIVATIZATION OF POWER SUPPLY
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether privatization of power supply has not been able to improve power position in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER(SHRI P.M. SAYEED)

(a) & (b) : Distribution was privatized in the year 1999 in Orissa and in 2002 in Delhi. The power supply position in these states in the last three years is indicated at Annexure.

In Delhi, some improvement in power supply position has been reported. The distribution companies have been able to reduce Aggregate Technical & Commercial Losses as per the targets set for them. There has also been improvement in consumer service viz. large number of options are available to the consumers for payment of bills, complaint redressal system, reduction in distribution transformers failure rate and subsequent reduction in response time for attending breakdowns.

(c) : Electricity being a concurrent subject, supply and distribution of electricity in a State is in the purview of the State Government/State Power Utility concerned and Central Government has a complementary role in adding generation capacity in the Central Sector through Central Public Sector Undertakings. The following steps have been taken to improve generation and availability of power in the country:

(i) A capacity addition of 41,110 MW is targeted for 10th Five-Year Plan consisting of 22,832 MW in Central Sector, 11,157 MW in State Sector and 7,121 MW in Private Sector.

(ii) Exploitation of hydro potential at a faster pace.

(iii) Early stabilization of newly commissioned units.

(iv) Creation of a robust National Grid for optimum utilization of generation capacity and inter-regional transmission of power.

(v) To bring about reforms in distribution, Government of India has implemented the Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) for up-gradation of sub-transmission and distribution system in States as a major step towards reduction of aggregate transmission and commercial losses and attaining commercial viability of the power sector. Funds are being provided to States for undertaking schemes for sub-transmission and distribution systems under the APDRP.

(vi) Demand side management, energy efficiency and conservation measures.

(vii) Provision of interest subsidy on loans by the Power Finance Corporation for renovation and modernization and life extension of old and inefficient generation units.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1435 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 11.03.2005.

ACTUAL POWER SUPPLY POSITION IN DELHI AND ORISSA

2001-02 2002-03 2002-04

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Delhi

19350 18741 -609 -3.1 19946 19567 -379 -1.9 20440 20160 -280 -1.4

Orissa

12328 12318 -10 -0.1 13393 13087 -306 -2.3 13610 13375 -235 -1.7